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Agricultural Commission Meeting

July 13th, 2010
Bangs Community Center

Minutes

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Members Present: Wm Levine, Jaime Tidlund, Pat Wagner, and Touria Eaton

Members Absent: John Thibbits, Ruth Hazzard, and Sally Fitz

Non-Members Present: Jeremy Barker-Plotkin (Soon to be member)

Minutes: The May and June meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as printed.

Committee Reports: Jaime reported from the marketing/community awareness of local Ag committee. There has been the start of a newsletter her and John are working on. (Please see attached notes for further information)

- Education Committee, Touria reported that there has been headway on potentially beginning a small farm at the middle school, Touria and Sally have applied for a grant, which would help with this.   They have also been looking into some land adjacent to the middle school that the town is trying to purchase; this is already farmland and would be perfect for their project.   In addition to this they are going to make a proposal for the use of ¼ - ½ of an acre of this land. They are looking to meet with the dean of students to go over this further.
- Preservation Committee, reported that there has been no real progress, they are still trying to receive information from the town regarding town owned lands and how they were purchased, with what money and where the money cam from. The committee feels they cannot do much without this list.
- Farmers Market Committee: Please see attached notes

Open Meeting Law: The members present at the July meeting felt that we should postpone discussion on the new open meeting law guidelines until more members were present, and someone could talk better about the new guidelines.

Review communications/ liaisons: there was a review of assigned liaisons and was determined that we will continue as we were with the assigned liaisons reviewing the agendas electronically, and attending the meetings if an agricultural related issues was being discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40p

Respectfully submitted,

Jaime Tidlund

Approved at the October 12, 2010 Agricultural Commission Meeting.